**Looking Ahead:**

- June 2nd - 9:30am - Begin summertime potluck breakfasts
- June 9th - Pentecost - wear red to church
- June 9th - 4:00pm Organ Guild Recital at Trinity
- June 12th - 15th Annual Conference in Eugene OR
- July 6th to 13th - Elementary I and Jr High camp at Sawtooth (Ruth is dean at camp)
- July 14th to 20th - High School camp at Sawtooth
- July 14th - Trinity’s Sunday at Little Church in the Pines in Island Park

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**Sunday Schedule:**

- 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:15am Worship for Everyone & Kids Church

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**Pastor’s Perspective**

*I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

-Ephesians 4:1-3 NRSV

Dear Siblings in Christ,

You are invited to participate in Table Talks 3.0. Carpooling will be available.

The closest one to us is: Sunday, May 5, Jackson Lee Memorial UMC, Blackfoot, ID (3:00 – 5:30 PM). There is still time to sign up using this link: [https://umoireg.brtapp.com/TableTalks3](https://umoireg.brtapp.com/TableTalks3)

United Methodists in the Alaska, Oregon-Idaho, and Pacific Northwest Conferences are encouraged to participate in Table Talk conversations planned in various settings across the Greater Northwest Area. These opportunities will provide attendees a way to engage the church’s current discussion of human sexuality and the decisions made at the 2019 General Conference Session in St. Louis, within a structure of worship and respect for one another.

To develop that sense of respect, participants are asked to commit to a covenant for respectful dialog. In short, the covenant asks us to:

- Stay Curious,
- Be Kind, and to
- Listen with the same amount of passion with which I want to be heard.

Both worship and a covenant for respectful dialog are essential when we ask for God to be present in our conversations and recognize that we can sometimes get in the way of that. All across the area Methodists are asked to seriously consider participating in one of these opportunities.

Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky sees that respectful dialog as a key to helping the church move forward, both here in the northwest, and globally.

“Christians don’t need to beat each other up when we disagree.” she says, “If you love your church, and want it to see its mission witness remain strong around the world, I hope you will come to one of the Table Talks. If you are sick and tired of opposing sides in the church fighting about human sexuality, and who should be welcome in the Church, I hope you will come to one of the Table Talks. We can find a deeper unity, and new ways of listening to God and one another.”

Blessings,
Reverend Ruth
Regional Council for Christian Ministry

FISH - the greatest demand on FISH resources continues to be medical (visits to the community clinic as well as one-time prescriptions) and gasoline. Preparations for the school supply season are underway, re-organizing supplies and making lists of needs, as well as fundraising. The twice-a-year gathering to make up hygiene kits will be in June; typically, a group of willing hands sort donated individual-sized soaps, lotions, etc. and make up 400 kits in a morning.

Community Food Basket (CFB) and Soup Kitchen - families served have decreased slightly over the same month last year but the CFB is still seeing about 150 new families per month. A significant percentage seldom use the service and sometimes only once. The Soup Kitchen served 4500 meals during March.

Little Church in the Pines - Trinity’s day to help with the service is July 14th.

Other news: The Lenten services sponsored by RCCM at member churches generated offerings of $1,032 (with several checks still to come in). The offering this year is dedicated to the summer food program.

Summer Food Program is sponsored by New Day Lutheran Church in cooperation with First Presbyterian Church. The program will be expanded this year from 3 days per week to 5 days per week. The location has changed to Kate Curley Park, nearer to two schools that have children who will be helped by the program. Food costs are reimbursed by the USDA but other costs (paper goods and other non-food items, gas for vehicles transporting food, the salary of one administrative person) are paid through donations and other grants. Churches and businesses are being asked to consider supporting the program for one week during the summer....6 volunteers will prepare and serve the lunches Monday through Friday of their selected week. Contact RCCM for additional information.

Hunger Games - a new fundraiser event featuring teams and competitions to support the IF Community Food Basket. The event will be based at Freeman Park and will be held on August 17th.

May events:
May 2 - Idaho Gives: Idaho Falls Community Food Basket is registered for the event. You can go on-line to make a donation through Idaho Gives. May 11 - Letter-carriers food drive. The day before Mother’s Day! You will receive a grocery bag in the mail; you can then fill it and leave it where you collect your mail (by your door, on the curb, at a neighborhood mail box).

Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference session June 12-15

The 51st Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference Session will be June 12-15, 2019 in Eugene, Oregon.

Most events will be at The Hotel Eugene, with some worship services at Eugene First United Methodist Church in downtown Eugene.

For more information about the 2019 conference session go to this link: https://www.uomi.org/eventdetail/11649877

TUMC Endowment Scholarships

ATTENTION High School Seniors and College Students! The TUMC Endowment Committee is kicking off its scholarship process for the 2019/2020 academic year.

Three scholarships are available:

- The Hazel Skelton General Scholarship: one scholarship, up to $1,000
- Chesbrough Music Scholarship: one scholarship, up to $1,000, for those pursuing a college major or minor in music
- The Pete Isaksen Scholarship: up to 3 scholarships per year, each valued at up to $10,000 per year, and renewable for up to 3 additional years. To be eligible for the Pete Isaksen Scholarship, the applicant must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math) field of study at an accredited college or university.

Applicants will be considered for all available scholarships, with selections made based on individual scholarship criteria. Therefore, each applicant only needs to submit one application package. Completed application packages, including a brief essay, transcripts, and two letters of reference, are due no later than June 1, 2019. Completed application packages need to be typed and E-mailed to: TrinityUMCIdahoFalls@gmail.com

Scholarship applications are available on the church website at www.tumcf.org or by contacting the church office or Kathy Borland. The application is a “Form” document to assist you in completing it electronically. A scholarship checklist is also posted on the website to help you. If you have questions regarding the process, please contact Kathy Borland at markx@cableone.net

Around the Church

- **Graduate Sunday** will be celebrated on May 19th. If you have a new graduate in the family please let us know!
- **Scout Brunch** - Troop 6 will be cooking breakfast for us on the 19th. They usually serve scrambled eggs, sausage, and pancakes with coffee and juice. Donations are gratefully accepted.
- **Pot Luck** will be the lunch on Sunday, May 26th, Memorial weekend. Please bring a dish to pass and a good appetite.
- **Table Talks** - People are carpooling to the Table Talks in Pocatello on Sunday, May 5th. The event takes place 3 to 5:30 pm, and registration is required. Please call Pam for information at 208-522-7921.
- **Dinner and a Movie** will continue our viewing and discussion of The Story of God after a good pot luck meal.
- **Soup Sunday** - We will have Soup Sunday after church on May 5th and 12th. Please call the office (208-522-7921) to sign up to bring a crock pot of soup, or surprise us and just bring one. Crackers and rolls are also welcome.
- **Summer Breakfasts:** The potluck breakfasts before worship will begin in June

**Membership Notes:**

- **Baptisms:** Judi Freedly, Everly Goodrich, Shena Page, Joey & Ellie Ford
- **New Members:** Adelyna Castillo, Giovanni Castillo, William Cole, Morgan French, Theodore French, Alexi Jensen, Savannah Jensen, Cameron Robertson, Judi Freedly, Joey Ford, Shena Page and Vanessa Stewart.
Scouting Troop 6 News - Robin Stewart

Troop 6 has been busy getting ready for spring.

The merit badge for this month was space exploration, where we studied space pioneers, types of rocket engines, spacecraft and essential parts of a rocket. The patrols then made a rocket that was launched at least 2 times during the campout west of town in Hell’s Half Acre.

The scouts are preparing to host Cub Scout Pack 6 for the annual family camp the first of May at Krupp Scout Hollow, and are attending a CPR/AED session to renew their certification. Our SPL, Danny, is planning his Eagle Court of Honor for May 22nd, where he will receive scouts highest award.

Good job, Danny!

We also have a few scouts planning their Eagle projects, so hopefully we’ll have a few more scouts having court of awards soon.

The scouts are also preparing for their major fund raiser for the year, the yard de-thatching and aerating, and yard work on the weekends of the 19th and 26th. Additional time slots may be available throughout spring and summer. Contact Robin if you need any yard work from the scouts.

Girl Scout Troop 713 News - Nancy Stewart

Cadettes just finished: Good Sportsmanship Badge, Book Artist Badge and Animal Helper Badge.

They are going to be working on their “Think Like An Engineer Journey” with a Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them theme!

The troop will also be traveling to Shoshone Falls in May for an evening Lights and Lasers show. They are collecting donations to make hygiene kits for Idaho Gives in May.

In April the troop helped clean up the zoo. The older girls are finishing their Sow What Journey. They finished the Sky badge and have begun the Collage Artist badge.

Girl Scouts

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Gavin Carney 5/5
David and Ruth 5/6
Kathy Gaskill 5/9
Patti Edwards 5/11
Edward Kiefner 5/12
Cheryl O’Brien 5/12
Pauline Mickelson 5/14
Bob Siedelmann 5/14

James Shaffer 5/15
Mark Borland 5/20
Les McCray 5/21
Lyndell Bradshaw 5/23
Kelly Carney 5/26
Faith Borland 5/28
Penny & Richard Kunter 5/29
Tia Durrant 5/29

Sara Jensen 5/30
Eric Lybeck 5/30
For additions to or corrections on birthdays
please contact Pam in the church office
208-522-7921.

The Wesley Handbell Choir
In Concert

With guest performance by Rigby High School’s Royal Trojan Ringers

Sunday, May 19, 2019
7:00 PM
Trinity United Methodist Church
237 North Water Avenue
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Free Admission
Donations gratefully accepted
Nursery care available
For more information: TrinityBells1F@gmail.com

United Methodist Women

The UMW bake sale in April was a success. Thanks to all who made the goodies and bought!!! Special thanks to Joanne McCray and Bev Kemp for organizing the event.

At the May unit meeting Marilyn Taylor will give the program on recycling. Please try to attend.

As always, take advantage of checking out books in the UWW library located in the parlor. New books are available, and many other great reads. See you in May at the unit meeting and the circle meetings.
**May 2023 Calendar**

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**May**

Please have your articles for the June newsletter submitted to: donrohde@aol.com no later than Wednesday, May 15th, so we can get the June newsletter out in a timely manner. Thank you!

Don Rohde - Editor

donrohde@aol.com
Trinity Restoration - Nancy Stewart

April brought in the receipt of the National Fund for Sacred Places final grant payment with a deposit of $95,000 into our restoration checking account, and we received a $3,900 check from the Idaho Heritage Trust for the repair of the three columns in the Mary Dawson Hall.

Our finances are in great shape for the project. We have about $2,000 extra dollars that we will use for our portion of the column repair.

The project finances will continue through 2020 as we receive our outstanding $25,000 in pledges.

To everyone in our congregation

Well Done. We Did It!!!

Sunday, May 5 – Camp Sunday

Former Campers please help promote summer camping.

It is time to build up the camp scholarship fund. Money should not be a barrier to going to camp.


Rev. Ruth will again be Dean of Elementary 1 Camp at Sawtooth (July 7-13).

Sunday, May 12 – VBS Sunday

The altar cloth made at last summer’s “Christ’s Hands” Vacation Bible School will be dedicated.

The theme for the 2019 VBS (July 29-Aug. 1) will be “To Mars and Beyond”. Please volunteer to help.

Youth Activities - Betty Anderson

Sunday, May 19 – Graduate Sunday

Please help us know who they are!! Contact Rev. Ruth or Pam in the office (208-522-7021) with names.

Annual Bible Gift to 3rd Graders – This year’s Bible recipients were Hunter Myers, Colbie Perez and Ellie Ford. Congratulations!

Confirmation Class 2019 – An amazing group of youth have studied and worked together weekly for 5 months with Rev. Ruth and adult mentors. Adelyonna Castillo, Giovannii Castillo, William Cole, Morgan French, Theo French, Alexi Jensen, Savannah Jensen, and Camron Robertson became full members of Trinity UMC on Easter.

Thank you, Tommy Lew, Don Rohde, Pam Traughber, Ryan Atwood, and Gene Summers for your great mentoring.

Cub Scout Pack 6 - Sam Bays

Wouldn’t it be great to just know that the critical decision you must make was going to lead to the thing you wish to create? Sometimes we feel inadequate about making optimized decisions. However, I don’t think this is necessary when you have a little faith in your toolbox. If you’re trying to build a City on a Hill, this is probably the singularly most useful tool that you will ever need. That and lots of coffee, doughnuts, and probably duct tape!

I think the City of Zion is not an academic construct, but rather a place in spiritual space that God is making right now [Isa 28:16]. We are the carpenters, masons, electricians, millwrights, welders, and watchmen. He is the architect. The City is on a Hill, and you’re standing on that Hill. Scouts is the apprenticeship program by which youth become the master craftsmen.

This month Pack 6 toured the IFPD downtown station, visited the BYU-I planetarium and observatory, and went to the Museum of Idaho. Pack helped with the annual Tautphaus Park Zoo cleanup day.

Three Arrow of Lights crossed the bridge and were received by Troop 6, completing their transition from Cubs to Scouts BSA. We also moved back home to TUMC. If you would like to build with us, call me: 208-520-8883.

Mothers’ Day Blankets – Nancy Stewart

They have been stretched with ropes to become primitive tents, propped up as lean-tos against walls shattered by earthquakes and tied between trees as hammocks. And what is more comforting than a warm blanket?

For those suddenly homeless there is little comfort. A warm blanket can’t take away the fear of the unknown, dispel the darkness of a strange place, or replace the presence of a loved one who may be missing. A blanket can’t solve all of the problems, however, it can provide comfort and lend primary protection from the elements. In refugee camps and makeshift shelters around the world, Church World Service Blankets do even more.

In 2018 there were about 60,000 blankets distributed in the US and other parts of the world. A gift of $10.00 can provide a blanket for someone, somewhere. These can be in honor of or in memory of someone. A letter will be sent to the person to be honored. Fill in the order form with the names of those you choose to honor and/or in memory. Checks are payable to TUMC with a notation that they are for Mothers’ Day Blankets.

Mothers’ Day Blankets Order form

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| Phone Number | | | |
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| Name | | | |
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**Trinity Methodist Church of Idaho Falls**

**Balance Sheet**

As of March 31, 2019

**Profit and Loss**

January - March, 2019